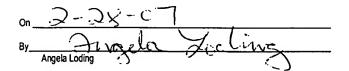
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2007, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached to the end of this paper.

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